

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **SA SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL BOX DRAW**

Last night at Angle Park there were four exciting Heats of the SA Sprint Championship where the first two placegetters from each heat qualified for next week's Group 3 Final. The fastest qualifier for the Final was the Troy Murray trained Kalden Aurora who led throughout from box 8 in Heat 1 to record a slick 29.82 for the 515m journey holding off a gallant Goosebumps for Matthew Payne by  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths. Both greyhounds staged a thrilling race after they cleared out from the main body of the field and will be strong hopes in next week's Final.

The second Heat was taken out by the Petar Jovanovic trained Joken Kihael who made full use of the inside box to position up near the lead and then power past leader Victa Troy for trainer Ron Shadow in the shadows of the post to win by a head. He rated 30.03 for the 515m journey and looks to be one of the main chances in the Final despite drawing box 4 for the Group 3 feature.

The third Heat was a blow out for punters with rank outsider Bandanna Lad for trainer Troy Murray overcoming a slow beginning to win running away in a solid 30.29 at the juicy odds of \$34.30 on TattsBet defeating the Petar Jovanovic trained Led Zeppelin by  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths who returned to something like his best with a handy second after showing good early pace. Race favourites Aston Thomas and Hannah McLaren both found trouble early putting pay to their chances with Hannah McLaren recovering the best to run an eye catching third.

The pain for the punters continued in the final Heat with Rattle Gun for trainer Bob Isaacson upsetting his more fancied rivals at \$29.70 on TattsBet after he led throughout to record a strong victory in 30.03 defeating Henry Mallet for trainer Neil Rawlings by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths who ran his usual honest race. The market was dominated by Kalden Mayhem, Point Two Over and Pints Delight who all had trouble getting into the race with only Kalden Mayhem getting going over the concluding stages to flash home for third.

The \$36,000 Group 3 Final will be run next Thursday night 19<sup>th</sup> January. It will be race 8 on the program and is listed to jump at 9.11pm (SA time). It will be a super nights racing with not only the Group 3 Final but also the John Gray Memorial Heats programmed for Grade 5 greyhounds with eight strong Heats anticipated.

The Final field in Box Draw order is:

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| 1. Led Zeppelin                          | Petar Jovanovic     |
| 2. Goosebumps                            | Matthew Payne       |
| 3. Kalden Aurora                         | Troy Murray         |
| 4. Joken Kihael                          | Petar Jovanovic     |
| 5. Victa Troy                            | Ron Schadow         |
| 6. Henry Mallet                          | Neil Rawlings       |
| 7. Bandanna Lad                          | Troy Murray         |
| 8. Rattle Gun                            | Robert Isaacson     |
| 9. Midget Farrelly (1 <sup>st</sup> Res) | Bozidar Stamenkovic |
| 10. Kalden Mayhem (2 <sup>nd</sup> Res)  | Troy Murray         |

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